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Cuban Policy of U.S. Criticised



Norman Thomas, who ran for President six times on the Socialist Party ticket, talks with Mrs. Leonard Heller, program chairman, before addressing the Old York Road Community Committee for the United Nations at a dinner meeting last night in Glenside.

Norman Thomas Deplores U.S. Role in Cuban Invasion

Norman Thomas, six times the Socialist Party candidate for president, last night criticised America's recent (unsuccessful) invasion of Cuba.

"What we did in Cuba is terribly wrong," Thomas said. "It is inexcusable to have such

Thomas spoke at the annual dinner meeting of the Old York Road Community Committee for the United Nations at the Casa Conti in Glenside.

Playing Hand Better

"President Kennedy," Thomas said, "although he has made no change in the Latin-American line, has been playing the hand better than Eisenhower."

"He inherited the CIA, but then he reappointed Allen Dulles, whose record behind him was no record at all."

Thomas said that the United States needs "an economy of peace" to regain Latin America's confidence.

Calls UN Crippled

"We need to implement Kennedy's policy in Latin America," he said, "but not by boddling the dictators who gave him land

to train soldiers for the Cuban invasion."

He told the 400 supporters of the United Nations attending the meeting that the UN is "only one strand in the line of peace."

"The UN," he continued, "is crippled because it can't follow its original principles. The wonder is that the UN has lived as well as it has."

Charter Not Adaptable

He named the other factors for peace as disarmament, honor among nations, equality of people and literacy.

"It would have been more honorable for us to say we would intervene in Cuba," Thomas said.

He added that the United States "never has sought disarmament with the same passion" it sought to create the A-Bomb."

Thomas said he believes Soviet Premier Khrushchev really wants disarmament "because he believes he can win in other ways."

"The United Nations Charter is not adaptable to the things we need in the world today. Liberty will not be among the survivors in a nuclear attack. We need a stronger UN and we need it used more and more."

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